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1. The degaussing workshops in Gdynia are located alongside the port basin, near the naval workshops. Engineer Czolowski, the chief electrical engineer of the Central Administration of the Polish Merchant Marine, is in charge of the workshops.
2. The following ships are equipped with anti-magnetic-mine installations: BATORY, GENERAL WALTER, KILINSKI, and CURIE SKLODOWSKA. Some of the ships have cables approximately one inch in diameter with three copper leads inside, which are placed outside the ship as high as the main deck; others have the cables inside the holds. These cables are held in a wooden sheath. The distribution tables of the degaussing installations are located in the engine room; D.C. electric current is obtained from the ship's power generators.
3. The Ministry of Shipping laid great stress on the necessity of installing anti-magnetic-mine devices in ships. Despite this, nothing was done about it up toward the end of 1952.

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